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SUBJECT: GREEK-EL RELATIONSHIPS: DISCUSSIONS WITH  
CARAMANLIS

REF: STATE 27457

1. DURING THE COURSE OF MY PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTER  
DINNER LAST NIGHT WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS  
I COVERED WITH HIM THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. I ASKED  
HIM IF HE HAD SEEN THE STATEMENT THE EMBASSY HAD ISSUED  
SEVERAL DAYS AGO CONCERNING GREEK-EC RELATIONS, AND  
HE SAID HE HAD. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED OUR PROMPT  
CORROBORATION OF THE POSITION HE HAD BEEN TAKING  
PUBLICLY, NAMELY, THAT THE USG WAS NOT OPPOSING GREECE'S  
ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. EVEN SO, HE SAID HE  
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HAD BEEN HOPING THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO

FARTHER AND TO EXPRESS AN EVEN MORE FAVORABLE POSTURE PUBLICLY ON THIS POINT SINCE IT COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE SUCH A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON GREEK PUBLIC OPINION.

2. I EXPLAINED TO CARAMANLIS THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE USG CONTINUED TO LOOK WITH FAVOR ON A CLOSE GREEK RELATIONSHIP WITH WESTERN EUROPE AND TO SUPPORT THE GREEK-EC AFFILIATION. I SAID I HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM HIM THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO SO STATE IF QUESTIONED BY EC MEMBERS. HOWEVER, I EXPLAINED--AND HE GRUDGINGLY AGREED--GREECE'S REQUESTED FOR ACCELERATED MEMBERSHIP WAS BASICALLY A QUESTION BETWEEN GREECE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ITSELF. I ALSO ASSURED HIM THAT US REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT IN ANYWAY INTERFERRED IN THE EC'S CONSIDERATION OF TIMING OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF GREECE'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY. CARAMANLIS SAID HE NEVER HAD ANY DOUBT ABOUT THIS.

3. THIS PART OF OUR CONVERSATION ENDED WITH HIM EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE USG WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GREECE IN THIS MATTER WHENEVER THERE WAS A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AND THAT ANY TIME WE COULD INDICATE PUBLICLY THAT SUCH WAS OUR POSITION IT WOULD BE ALL TO THE GOOD. KUBISCH  
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